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New Captain of Government and Media Relations Introduced

Captain Jeff DeVere has been named as the new leader of the Office of Government and Media Relations for the Washington State Patrol; it was announced by Chief Lowell M. Porter. DeVere replaces Captain Fred Fakkema who recently accepted the position of Commander at the WSP Training Academy in Shelton.

DeVere, 37, will lead the department that is responsible for working with the news media in providing public safety messages to communities around the state. In addition, he will work closely with legislators, their staff, other elected officials and their constituents on issues involving public safety and the State Patrol.

DeVere began his employment with the State Patrol in 1990, where he was a trooper cadet assigned to Bellevue. He has served as a trooper in the breath test section in Bellevue, as a sergeant in Kennewick, as a detective sergeant in Ellensburg, and as a lieutenant in criminal investigations. Born in Ellensburg, DeVere graduated from Cle Elum High School and Central Washington University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business administration.

DeVere resides in Lacey with his wife and 17 month old son. They are expecting a second child in February.

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